United States Court of Appeals

District of Columbia Circuit Washington, D.C. 20001-2866

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NOTICE OF INTERIM CIRCUIT RULE CHANGE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Court, pursuant to D.C. Circuit Rule 47, has amended, on an interim basis, D.C. Circuit Rule 29(b), Brief of an Amicus Curiae, as set forth below. New text is indicated in bold italics.

This rule is effective immediately on an interim basis.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT

Comments on the interim rule or any aspect of the timing of motions for leave to participate as amicus curiae, may be submitted to the Court's Advisory Committee on Procedures within 60 days from the date of the publication of this Notice in *The Daily Washington Law Reporter*. Written comments may be sent to:

John M. Nannes, Chair Advisory Committee on Procedures c/o Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP 1440 New York Ave., N.W. Washington, DC 20005-2107

The Committee will consider any comments received from interested persons and organizations. It will then formulate recommendations to the Court. When the Committee transmits its recommendations to the Court for consideration, it will likewise send to the Court copies of all comments which it has received.

Copies of this Notice have been published this day by the means specified in D.C. Circuit Rule 47(c).

Date: June 2, 1997 Mark J. Langer, Clerk

CIRCUIT RULE 29

BRIEF OF AN AMICUS CURIAE

(b) Leave to File. Any individual or non-governmental entity seeking leave to participate as *amicus curiae* shall, within 30 days of the docketing of the case in this court, file either a written representation that all parties consent to such participation, or, in the absence of such consent, a motion for leave to participate as *amicus curiae*. (For this purpose, the term "governmental entity" includes the United States or an officer or agency thereof, the District of Columbia, or a State, Territory, or Commonwealth of the United States.) The court may extend this time on a showing of good cause. A governmental entity planning to participate as *amicus curiae* shall, within the same 30 days, or as promptly thereafter as possible, submit a notice of intent to file an *amicus* brief. A motion for leave to participate as amicus, filed more than 30 days after the appeal has been docketed, may be granted by the Clerk as long as the motion is unopposed and as long as the brief will be filed within the time allowed for the filing of the brief of the party the amicus supports.